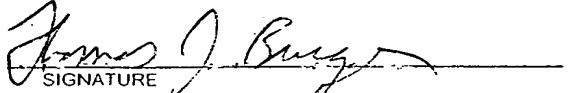


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP03/05255</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>May 19, 2003</b>	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known) See 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/514404</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>Force Assistance Module For Providing A Load-Dependent Assistance Force</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Oleg Graf and Ralf Poberschnigg</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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<p>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. PTO Form 1449 listing 8 references, and Search Report, plus copies of the references and Search Report</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. (to eliminate multiple dependent claims)</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). Copies of the following PCT Forms: PCT Forms IPEA/416 and 409 (Prel. Exam.); PCT Form IPEA/401 (Demand); PCT Forms IB/301, 304, 308, 332</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p>		

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